

**CITY OF MISHAWAKA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 5, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, November 5, 2018 in Room 205, City Hall, 600 E Third St., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Chairman Doug Merritt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Commission members present: Terry DeMaegd, Doug Merritt, Nancy Seidler, Faye Sullivan, and Kate Voelker.

Advisory members present: Alan Grzeskowiak, Shirley McAlister, Jason Stoller, and Cliff Zenor.

Staff: Christa Hill.

A motion was made for the approval of the October 2, 2018 minutes was made by Kate Voelker; seconded by Faye Sullivan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Historic Districts/Plaques

B. Public Relations & Community Education

Doug Merritt reported on the Trunk or Treat. We quickly ran out of candy. If we do this again, need hundreds of bags of candy. Maybe donate candy to Parks or another City department. Spoke with resident of Battell Center, who looks forward to these events. Shirley McAlister commented how nicely it was decorated.

C. Staff Notes

Christa Hill attended a non-profit program evaluation breakfast series at Notre Dame. We don't have to do it at the same level, but to really think about where to put our resources, since they are limited, and the benefit we are getting back.

Doug asked to follow up with Mishawaka Business Association and how they responded to the OCRA presentation about the Historic Grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Plaques for Old No. 4 Firehouse (request to table)

Eagle Scout Gym Floor – Council Meeting November 7

Doug Merritt received a letter from Cliff Zenor indicating he is resigning his post with the HPC effective at the end of his term this year. Doug took a moment to thank Cliff for his service and dedication to the Commission over the years. Kate Voelker said she admired Cliff's stick-to-itiveness.

The Center Floor piece will be officially donated to Pete DeKever with the Mishawaka Historical Museum at the Council meeting on Wednesday. We will present the Eagle Scout Ben Balderas with an award and Leatherman tool. Cliff will give presentation with pictures of the progress. Cliff would like to present the man who provided the space for the work with a small framed gym floor piece.

Cliff will bequeath all his files, like Preservation Awards templates and Power Points, to Christa Hill to keep at the office.

Doug invited all to attend the Council meeting to support Cliff and the Scouts.

Edgewater Drive Historic District Informational Meetings

Alan Grzeskowiak Historic District. How strict vs. how loose. Based on the rating of the house. Those that are higher rated would have more restrictions. As the condition of the house lowers, there will be less and less guidelines. Have everything done by January, council in April.

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Kate Voelker asked how many people voted against. Christa Hill indicated only a few are vocal, one being the previous owner of the Dodge Old People's Home. Ilene Crutchfield was going to invite some of no votes to the next meeting at Doug's. Kate asked if Todd Zeiger will be at this meeting? Christa answered we gave Todd more time to prepare a draft. Todd also needs to update the survey. A Frequently Asked Question might be "when is a COA required?" The Riviera Place District has a grid of when you need a COA and what is allowed. We want to make something more user friendly to explain the rules to the neighborhood.

The next meeting will be November 15, 6:30pm, Doug's house.

Education Opportunities

Take off the agenda until Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum makes an official decision.

Street Topper Design

Kate Voelker met with the Mayor and he is fine with it. Scott Franko, who designed the new wayfinding signs, also designed the street toppers. Mayor prefers burgundy then gray. The way the sign was attached on John Street could increase wind load, engineering to determine safety. Christa Hill asked if we are waiting on Edgewater. Doug Merritt wants to vote. We will prepare locations for December.

Mason Quote Vote on Expense

Doug Merritt is going to reach out to Michiana Signs and Lighting, who will be the contractor, and Shawn Mahoney can be a sub or special contractor. Vote on expense in December.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bethel College

Alan Grzeskowiak is also on the Alumni Board at Bethel and met with the President. When the President found out Alan was on the HPC, he was interested. The building when you pull into campus between McDonalds and Tradewinds is the original living quarters when the property was a horse farm. The President asked about the possibility of landmarking this building. They want to remodel/add on to the building, which would need a COA if a Landmark. Alan also offered the Historical Marker. Plans to set up a meeting with HPC members, Todd Zeiger, and Bethel representatives. There is nothing for Bethel in the 1995 survey.

Survey

Speaking of the 1995 survey, Christa Hill will ask Todd Zeiger who does and how much a new survey will cost for including in the 2020 budget. We may look for other sources of money to pay for it; grants, selling them after the fact. In addition to the additional time, now any building built in or before 1970 would be over 50 years old, the boundary of Mishawaka has expanded, so there are more buildings to consider.

Attendance

Doug Merritt would like to note the attendance of the Advisory Members. If you cannot attend meetings on a regular basis, would you consider stepping back to an Advisory Member. If no one, Doug would be willing to step down to Advisory so an Advisory Member who attends faithfully can vote. Even if he steps down, Doug would still be an active member. Cliff Zenor, who has been both a Voting Member and an Advisory Member, says it doesn't change your role, we still take your opinion, you can

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still work on projects, etc. There were several times this year we did not have a quorum, which means we can't vote on COAs or money.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.



Doug Merritt, Chairman



Christa Hill, Secretary